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ROPE LOCKING DEVICE WITH  
AUTOMATIC SAFETY MECHANISM

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

A Response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply is being filed concurrently with the  
Petition to Revive Unintentionally Abandoned Application. A response is contained herein.

Enclosed please find:

1. Corrected Drawing Sheets; and
2. An Abstract to read as follows:

--The invention relates to devices that grip and maintain ropes in a desired  
position and in particular to locking ropes used in suspension systems in theatrical  
applications, such as for suspending lights, curtains, scenery and other equipment in  
theaters. In particular, the devices prevent runways due to an out of balance system.--

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No other fees are believed due at this time, however, please charge any additional deficiencies or credit any overpayments to deposit account number 12-0913 with reference to our attorney docket number (29947-92661).

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alice O. Martin", written over a horizontal line.

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